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This study will inform the Government of Nepal's policy decisions, program design and implementation strategies on women's issues by providing information on women's traditional and non-traditional roles and sectors; information on training programs and hiring practices in the communities; and information about women's access to credit, marketing facilities and employment opportunities. It will form the basis for policy advocacy for intervention mechanisms for inclusive development with gender at the core of the social inclusion agenda -- with the end result of improving the lives of Nepali women.